Suspension of Construction work at Bibrugarh (Mohanbari) Airport

2330. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction work at Bibrugarh (Mohanbari) airport had been suspended for several years;

(b) if so, what was the date of suspension and what is the likely date of restarting of work; and

(c) what are the details of the work done during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) The work at Dibrugarh airport started on 20-2-1981 and shortly thereafter was suspended. The work restarted on 17-11-1983.

(c) The airport was reopened in December, 1984 for limited Boeing operations. Runway and Apron have been strengthened and taxi-track widened. The entire project was completed in February, 1988.

भारतीय खेल प्राधिकरण में कर्मचारियों का नियमित किया जाना

2331. श्री अश्विनी कुमार : क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

क) क्या भारतीय खेल प्राधिकरण के कार्यालय में कार्यरत सभी अवर श्रेणी लिपिकों और श्रेणी-4 के कर्मचारियों को नियमित कर दिया गया है; और

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो उन्हें कब तक नियमित किये जाने की संभावना है ?

मानव संसाधन विकास राज्य मंत्री में युवा कार्य और खेल तथा महिला और बाल विकास विभागों में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती मारग्रेट अल्वा) : (क) और (ख) भारतीय खेल प्राधिकरण में दिहाड़ी पर कार्य कर रहे 74 ग्रुप "ग" (अवर श्रेणी लिपिक) और 200 ग्रुप "घ" कर्मचारियों में से 36 ग्रुप "ग" और 121 ग्रुप "घ" के कर्मचारियों की सेवाएं अब नियमित की गई हैं। शेष स्टाफ को नियमित रिक्त स्थान उपलब्ध होने पर या और अधिक पद सृजित होने पर यथाशीघ्र नियमित किया जाएगा।

Navodaya Vidyalayas in backward areas

2343. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Navodaya Vidyalayas set up in areas/districts considered to be backward; and

(b) what are the distinctive features of the courses offered by the Navodaya Vidyalayas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) The Navodaya Vidyalaya Scheme envisages the establishment of, on an average, one Vidyalaya in each district of the

country during the 7th Five Year Plan period in a phased manner, to be located, as far as possible in rural areas. So far 256 Navodaya Vidyalayas have been established in 29 States|Union Territories. While no specific information district-wise is available it is estimated that more than 50 per cent of the Navodaya Vidyalayas are set up in districts considered to be backward.

(b) All Navodaya Vidyalayas will be affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education. The syllabi prescribed by the Board for secondary and senior secondary classes will, therefore, apply to these Vidyalayas also. The Navodaya Vidyalayas will have all the four streams i.e. Humanities, Science, Commerce and Vocational, Physical Education, games, sports; yoga, cultural activities and fine arts projects work, hiking, visit to places of educational, cultural and historical interest adventure activities and work experience will be assiduously promoted and adequate arrangements made for them.

सवाई माधोपुर और अजमेर के मध्य तीव्र गति की रेल गाड़ियों का शुरू किया जाना

2333. **डा० अबरार अहमद खान :** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार सवाई माधोपुर और अजमेर के मध्य चालू मीटर लाइन पर तेज गति की रेलगाड़ियां चलाने का विचार रखती है, यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ख) क्या सवाई माधोपुर से चलने वाली मीटर लाइन पर मेल और एक्सप्रेस रेलगाड़ियों में शीघ्र ही डीजल रेल इंजनों के लगाये जाने का विचार है ; यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

रेल मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री महाबीर प्रसाद) : (क) जी नहीं । परिचालनिक और संसाधनों की तंगियों के कारण ।

(ख) डीजल रेल इंजनों की अत्यधिक कमी के कारण फिलहाल इसे व्यावहारिक नहीं पाया गया है ।

Extension of E.M.U. Trains upto Gudur

2334. DR. YELAMANCHILI SHIVAJI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the employees' union of Indian Space Research Organisation, Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh, regarding extension of E.M.U. trains upto Gudur from Madras so as to provide as a link train; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Extension of E.M.U. trains to Sullurpeta|Gudur is not feasible due to operational and resource constraints.

Annual outlay for National Highways

2335. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state what was the annual outlay for National Highways in 1987-88 and what was the actual expenditure incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): As against the 1987-88 Revised Budget provision of Rs. 312.50 crores for the development of National Highways, an expenditure of Rs. 298.45 crores has been booked.